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SUBJECT: BUU'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE EXPECTED DEMISE OF THE
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

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1. TRAN QUOC BUU TOLD LABATT THAT HE INTENDS TO LAY THE GROUND-
WORK FOR AFFILIATING THE FARMER-WORKER PARTY (CONG NONG) WITH
THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, WHILE IN TOKYO, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA,
AND NEW ZEALAND (SEE REFTEL). THE ACTUAL AFFILIATION WILL
NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER MARCH 1974 WHEN HE EXPECTS THE
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (SDA) TO DISINTEGRATE. BUU WILL
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REGISTER THE CONG NONG PARTY SEPARATELY UNDER THE PROVISIONS

OF DECREE LAW 060 THAT REGULATES POLITICAL PARTIES. (THE LAW PRESUMABLY WILL ALLOW BUU'S PARTY 12 MONTHS AFTER REGISTRATION IN WHICH TO TRY TO MEET THE STRINGENT VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS.) ASIDE FROM BUU'S ASSESSMENT OF THE GENERAL INEFFECTUALNESS OF THE OTHER SIX AFFILIATES OF THE SDA, BUU CONSIDERS THAT BEING MOSTLY INTELLECTUALS, AND OF THE UPPER CLASSES, THAT THEY DETRACT FROM THE PROLETARIAN IMAGE HE PREFERS CONG NONG TO PRESENT TO THE POTENTIAL VOTERS.

2. BUU DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DIFFICULTY IN SEEING TO IT THAT THE SDA FALLS APART, AND WITHOUT APPE**ING TO HAVE DESTROYED IT. SO ETIME IN ANUARY OR FE RUARY BUU WILL ONCE AGAIN ASK THE OTHER AF*ILIATES OF SDA TO PUT UP T*E ONE MILLION OR MORE PIASTERS EACH FOR THE G**ERAL FUND OF SDA. SO*FAR, NONE OF THEM HA E CONTRIBUTE* ANY MONEY. HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY OF THEM TO COME UP WITH THE NECESSARY FUNDS. IF HE HAS MISCALCULATED AND SOME OF THE AFFILIATES SOMEHOW DEPOSIT THE REQUIRED MONEY, THE NEXT QUESTION HE WILL PUT TO THEM IS TO PRESENT THEIR LIST OF MEMBERS. HE IS CERTAIN THAT NONE OF THEM WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT AN ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP LIST. BUU WILL SIMPLY SAY, "SORRY THAT WE COULD NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS WE AGREED TO MEET; IT IS BETTER THAT WE DISSOLVE SDA."

3. BUU SAID THAT CONG NONG HAS BEEN WORKING FOR MANY MONTHS ORGANIZING "BAC I AND BAC II STUDENTS" FROM WORKING CLASS FAMILIES. EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONG NONG HAS A SOCIAL GATHERING OF 12 TO 15 NEW STUDENTS. BUU SAYS HE PUTS IN AN APPEARANCE AT EACH GATHERING AND MANAGES TO DISCUSS A LITTLE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY WITH THEM.

4. BUU'S ASSISTANTS CONFIRM THIS ACTIVITY AND THINK IT IS SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING MANY NEW YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THE CONG NONG PARTY.

5. COMMENT: BUU HAS LONG FELT THAT THE SDA WAS A FAILURE. HE IS EQUALLY DERISIVE ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S DEMOCRACY PARTY (DAN CHU DANG). HE IS MORE THAN WILLING TO TELL AMERICANS AT LEAST, HOW THE DEMOCRACY PARTY AND PRESIDENT THIEU ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAILING TO APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE AS THEY HAD HOPED. THIS, OF COURSE MEANS, ACCORDING TO BUU, THAT ONLY HE AND WHATEVER FORM HIS FARMER-WORKER PARTY FINALLY TAKES CAN SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM THE COMMUNISTS IF AND WHEN AN ELECTION TAKES PLACE. MARTIN

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